

STROUD RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH,

NICHOLAS D. DUNSCOMBE, M.B. D.P.H.



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Gentlemen,

In accordance with Circular 2067, Ministry of Health, the report for 1939 is an interim one, dealing only with essential and urgent matters which have affected the public health.

WATER SUPPLY. On October 1st, the Stroud District Water Board took over the undertakings of the Rural District Council, the Stroud Urban District Council, and the Water Company.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES. There have been no outbreaks of notifiable infectious diseases, only 18 cases of Scarlet Fever, and 8 cases of Diphtheria being notified.

A Scheme for the immunization of children attending the elementary schools, against diphtheria, has been approved by the Council, and will be put into operation in 1940. At the time of writing, many of the schools have been visited, and the response has been fairly satisfactory, 30% of the children being immunized.

After the termination of the War, a report will be made dealing more fully with the period from the beginning of 1939 to the end of the last complete year.

I have the honour to be

Your obedient Servant,

*Nicholas D Dunscombe*

Medical Officer of Health.

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